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FOR : **METHOD FOR DISINFECTING
BODY FLUIDS**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration of this application. Please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Change the title of the application to "METHOD FOR
DISINFECTING BODY FLUIDS".

At page 1, delete the first paragraph and insert a new
paragraph as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S.
Application Serial No. 09/465,968, filed December
14, 1999, which is a divisional of U.S. Application
Serial No. 08/803,869, filed February 24, 1997, now
allowed, which is a divisional application of U.S.
Application Serial No. 08/256,425, filed July 12,
1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,639,452, which is a
Rule 371 of PCT Application Serial No.
PCT/CA93/00378, filed September 15, 1993, which is
a continuation-in-part application of U.S.
Application Serial No. 08/047,535, filed April 19,
1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-

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part application of U.S. Application Serial No.
07/957,307, filed September 16, 1992, now
abandoned.

In the claims:

Cancel claim 1.

Kindly add the following new claims:

153. A method for disinfecting a biological fluid comprising contacting said fluid with an iodinated insoluble anion-exchange matrix material to which is complexed greater than 20% to about 70% iodine (by weight).

154. The method of claim 153, wherein said matrix material is iodinated to a concentration of greater than 20% to about 60% iodine (by weight).

155. The method of claim 153, wherein said matrix material is iodinated to a concentration of about 25% to about 50% iodine (by weight).

156. A method of disinfecting a body fluid containing microorganisms, said method comprising contacting said body fluid with a demand disinfectant resin such that microorganisms therein contact said resin and are deactivated thereby, said disinfectant resin being an iodinated strong base anion exchange resin.

157. A method for disinfecting a body fluid as defined in claim 156 wherein said iodinated strong base anion exchange resin comprises a strong base anion exchange resin component which represents from 25 to 90 percent by weight of the total weight of the iodinated resin.

158. A method for disinfecting a body fluid as defined in claim 156 wherein said iodinated strong base anion

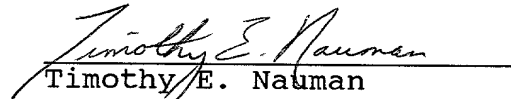
exchange resin comprises a strong base anion exchange resin component which represents from 45 to 65 percent by weight of the total weight of the iodinated resin.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to include further embodiments of the invention and to initiate an interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,096,216. See enclosed Request for Interference under 37 C.F.R. §1.607. Early examination of the application is requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns related to this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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